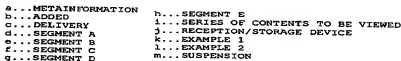


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(54)発明の名称 受信装置および方法



Contents are segmented in significant structural units, and the data segments to which metainformation on the data segments are respectively added, are delivered. The metainformation is information on the attributes of the data segments and includes locations, temporal arrangement, and unique IDs of the data segment in the content structure. In a receiving device, the data segments and the correlated metainformation are stored. On the basis of the metainformation, the data segments of the same ID are not stored. The reproduction can be controlled for every data segment. Repetitive reproduction of a data segment required by the user and suspension of reproduction are possible when the data segment is reproduced in parallel with reception of contents. After the contents are delivered, the order of the stored data segments can be changed, and the data segments can be reproduced in the changed order.